

Chestnut Chat: Planting American Chestnuts

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How to Get Chestnuts

TACF Chestnut Distribution Programs



Ways To Get Chestnuts...

TACF Programs

- Wild-type American chestnut seedling sale
- Seed Level memberships
 - Seeds with elevated blight resistance

TACF Chapter Programs

- Chapter-run programs
- Primarily wild-type American seeds or seedlings for chapter members



Wild-Type American Chestnut Seedling Sales

- Nursery-grown, bareroot seedlings from wild-type American chestnuts
- Seedlings have not been improved for blight tolerance and will succumb if exposed
- May still survive and thrive for years to come
- Great learning experience
- Helps preserve genetic diversity of the species



Wild-Type American Chestnut Seedling Sales



- Sale open to TACF members before the general public
- Seedlings available in bundles, shipping included:
 - 5 - \$35
 - 10 - \$70
 - 25 - \$175
 - Limit of 25 seedlings/person
- Sale is in early March, seedlings ship in early April

Seed Level Membership Program

- Intermediate blight-resistant seeds - our very best to-date from Meadowview Research Farms
- From select parent trees with elevated blight resistance
- Represent nearly 40 years of research and development
- Limited quantities, availability may vary annually



Seed Level Membership Program

- Seeds are the 'Thank You' gift for supporting our programs
 - \$300 - Root Seed Level: 4 seeds
 - \$500 - Branch Seed Level: 6 seeds
 - \$1,000 - Canopy Seed Level: 12 seeds
- Covered by TACF's Germplasm Agreement
- Membership must be purchased by January 1 to receive seeds the same year
 - Memberships purchased later will have seeds distributed the following year
- Shipped in early March



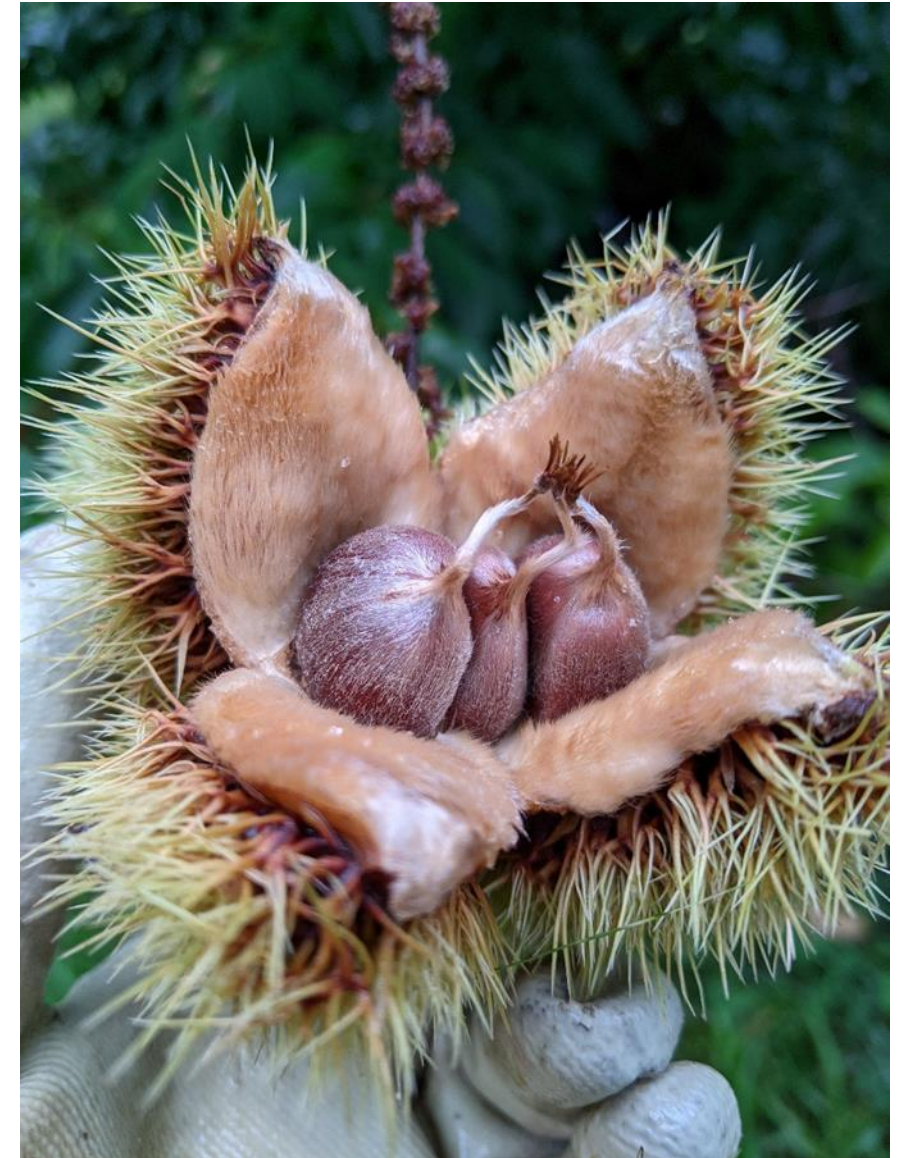
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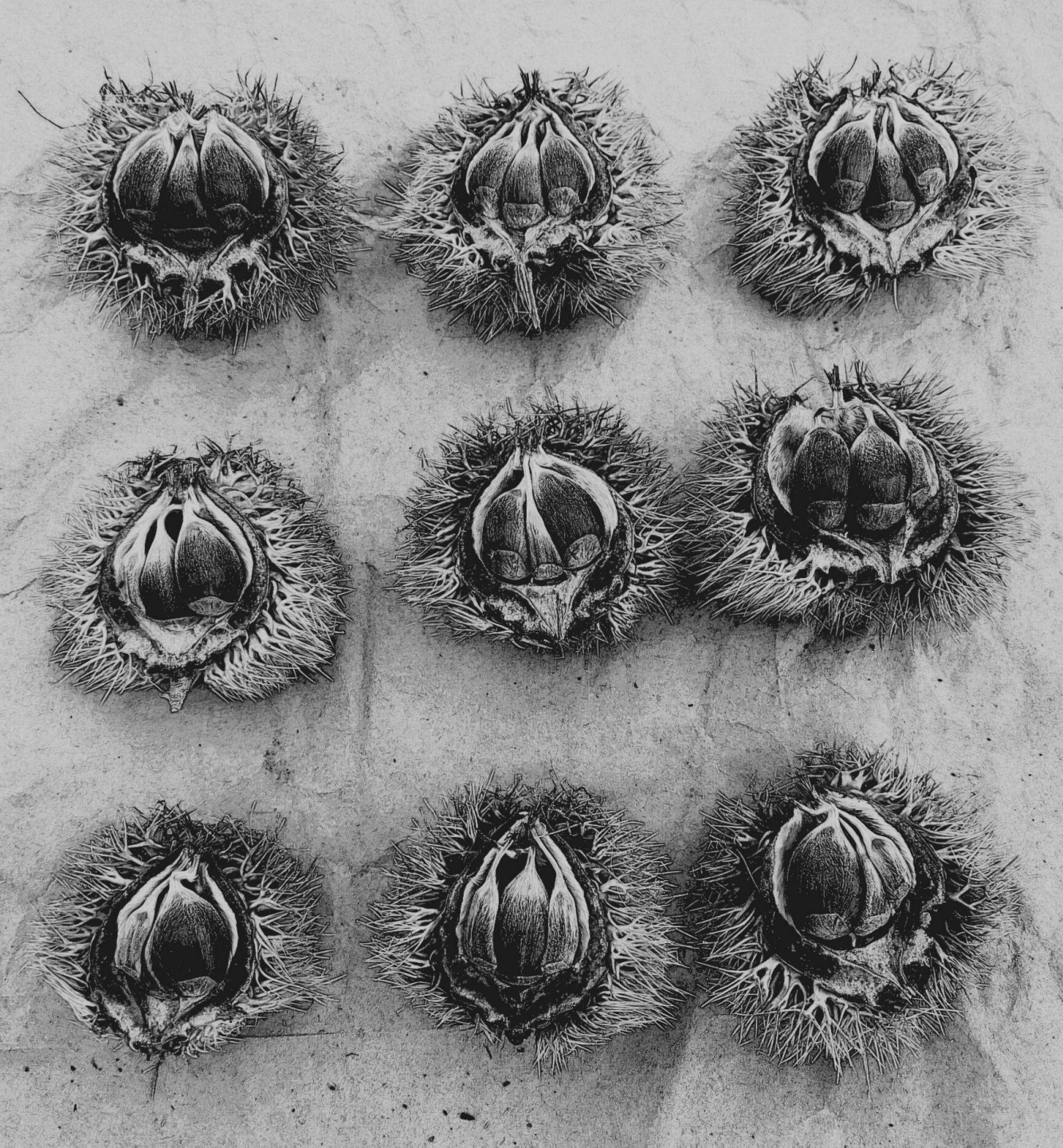
- Usually wild-type American chestnuts
- Direct sales or promotions from the chapter –
 - Opportunities for members to purchase seeds or seedlings
 - Incentives to join as a new member



Shipping Restrictions

- Bareroot seedlings are only shipped to locations east of the Mississippi
- Seeds may be shipped west of the Mississippi, and to Michigan, with these conditions:
 - Seeds are treated in a 10% bleach solution as a horticultural best practice
 - Will not impact viability or germination
 - Can not ship to WA, OR, or CA due to Department of Agriculture restrictions
- No shipping outside of the continental US





Questions?

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